

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: U.S. Patent Application of	)
Alan Finlay	) Examiner: Logie, Michael J.
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For: MASS SPECTROMETER SYSTEM	)

**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 15, 2009**

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Dear Examiner:

This is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 15, 2009. The period of response to the Final Office Action is a shortened period of three (3) months from the mailing date or January 15, 2010. Therefore, Applicant is submitting a One Month Extension of Time, extending the due date to February 15, 2010. Accordingly, this response should be considered timely filed.

This reply should be considered a submission in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.14 (see attached Transmittal). Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.